

Cohasset Mariner

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Editorial

Notes From Upper Slobovia

It was a frustrated and discouraged man who met the **Mariner** last Friday at the disposal area. Joe Laugelle, dump caretaker, had once again faced a week of violators, sometimes numbering as many as 10, who had deliberately, negligently, and illegally dumped trash outside of both the front and back gates to the disposal area.

Laugelle said that people go so far as to tear the names off old envelopes so that they can't be traced back via their trash. And that's not all. Apparently people travel from other towns to dump their trash at Cohasset's closed gates. Laugelle wondered why those same people couldn't enter the disposal area of their respective towns and dump properly, if they can go to such trouble to violate and to disguise their trash so as not to be detected for violation.

After a saunter with Laugelle down to the gates, two cases in point were in evidence -- at the back gate branches and garden trimmings had been left both loose and carelessly thrown in to plastic bags; at the front gate was a grocery bag full of house trash. The latter trash was identifiable by several envelopes with addresses still attached. However, Laugelle was unable to reach the individual by telephone as the number was unlisted. Then he was faced with removing the trash to the pit himself, or if he wished to have the violator pick up the trash he would have to go to the person's home to leave the message.

In either case, it's a pain in the neck for Laugelle who puts up with this sort of thing from seven to ten times a week. He's only trying to keep the place clean for both the residents and sanitary's sake. A little cooperation won't kill anybody. Please try to do your share -- and don't dump illegally, it carries a \$50 fine, which carries more clout.

The dump is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except Mondays, Wednesdays and holidays. Stickers which serve as passes for the disposal area and for Sandy Beach are available at the Cohasset Police Department from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ANY DAY. Vehicle registrations are required as proof of residence.

Early Deadline

Due to the holiday July 4, the **Mariner** will appear Tuesday, instead of the regular Wednesday afternoon. As a

result, the deadline for all news and advertising copy will be Saturday at 2 p.m.

Around Town Hall

Many concerned riders and parents attended the Selectmen's meeting last week to discuss the oiling project slated for the riding ring at Wheelright Park. Before going ahead with the oiling, however, which was approved by the state department of Water Pollution Control, a test area containing rotten stone will be used on a portion of the ring to see if dust will be kept down. The riders will decide if the new covering works adequately without oiling within a few weeks.

SERVICES GRANTED

Selectmen granted permission to Rev. John Benbow of the Second Congregational Church to hold ecumenical services at the lighthouse circles area of Government Island each Sunday in August at 7:30 a.m.

POOL PARKING

Mrs. Ellen Woolf of North Main Street complained to Selectmen last week about increasing congestion from the parking in the green area by the Cohasset Swim Center. Mrs. Woolf claimed that ice cream trucks which park there



for several hours creates a dangerous situation for children.

Swim Center President agreed that the trucks stayed too long and created too much litter. He said he had tried to curb parking and activities there that lent to a "Carnival atmosphere." Police Chief Randolph Feola said he has sent men to check on the situation periodically and has found no disturbances. Selectmen took the matter under advisement.

WADLEIGH COMPLAINTS

Robert Salvador of Atlantic Avenue complained to Selectmen once again about after-midnight parking at the Wad-

leigh Park extension road which runs by his home. Salvador felt that policemen have been lax in ticketing offenders and said that he saw a cruiser pass by the area when youth had been parking and drinking at the prohibited spot.

Salvador said that he has asked people parking to keep their noise down and had been met with no or improper responses. He said he witnessed patrolman Frederick Grasse arrest a person who refused to leave the park area after he had been asked.

Chief Feola said that his men have been told to tag each car they find parking illegally. "The parking problem is nothing new. It's very hard, they don't pay attention. It's a tough proposition. I don't know the solution," he said. He added that he will get more men on policing the area as money permits.

Selectman Chairman Arthur Clark will check with town counsel to see if the road can be legally narrowed to discourage parking.

Long Gas Lines

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ing the gallonage they set for the day. That leaves Cohasset dry except for the Getty station on Route 3A owned by John Swann, which manages to stay open until 5 p.m., according to gas attendant Whitney Halloran, "if we have the gas."

Halloran feels that checking the gauge is "too much of a pain" and only does so sporadically. He finds, too, that one-third of motorists are still "topping off," that is, purchasing small amounts of gasoline to keep their tanks full.

Other station owners disagree. They attest that purchases are usually well over five dollars, and that from most it is clear to see that they were just about on empty. At George Roukaounakis' Olympic Texaco station an overworked gas pumper said he was checking gauges when he could. Roukaounakis, however, claimed he was "trying to enforce" the Governor's order, although he noted that he had found many gauges broken.

"Most people are on empty. There were a few fights this morning and we didn't let them buy," he said. Of the plan, he said, "It might work but I doubt it. The odd/even plan would probably work

better."

Joe Marks looked like he had it, when the **Mariner** approached him at his service station. "I'm running into next month's quota," he said. "I'm getting 71 per cent of last year's allocation. My repairs keep me going. I don't rely on gas for a living."

As for checking the gauges, Marks was adamant. "It's a law, you've got to." He finds no one reluctant to comply. People are becoming grateful to obtain gas when they can, whatever the price or stipulation, it seems.

Leo Fiori, manager of the Exxon station on Route 3A, actually finds his allocation a little higher this June than it was last because of an increase in business and a corresponding increase in allotment from the federal government. Fiori isn't finding topping off and he isn't looking at gas gauges either. "Maybe the governor ought to come out and look in. I don't need a punch in the head."

An aside to the whole mess, is the surprising patience that motorists are exhibiting as they wait in line. "People are very patient and very nice when they are looking for gas," Fiori said. "I'd like them to have the

he added.

Robert McElaney of Village Service Station predicts that customer cooperation will become increasingly difficult to come by. "It's a tough situation. You're going to have customers who won't let you look, they won't move, they'll tell you to get lost."

The **Mariner** questioned several drivers waiting in gas lines how they felt about the situation. Most answered, "I don't mind," or "It's the first time I've had to wait," or "It's not that bad, but then again it's the first of the week." The reporter then pulled her car around to fill up and was questioned in return by the still waiting motorists.

Frannie Mitchell, owner of Mitchell's Repair Shop, has used all of June's allocation, and had to close down his pumps for the remainder of the week. Mitchell decided to stick out the week without gas sales because of the time it would take to apply for an emergency allotment.

"It stinks all around. My customers are going elsewhere, naturally. It's slowed up my repairs. If people can't drive, they won't get their cars repaired. Right now it's reasonably good. I don't know about the prognosis."